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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Hilliam H. Reinquist

Chairman, Security Review Committee

SUBJECT

: Saleguarding Official information in the interests of the Defense of the United States (Executive Order 10501, as amended)

1. I referred Mr. Thomas Latimer's momerandum entitled "Draft Revision of Section 7 (b) (3) a. " dated August 16, 1971 to par Legislative Counsel whe commented as follows:

> "The first sentence of the proposal poses to problem.

"The second sentence of the proposal, which would require written permission of the originating agency before classified material could be disseminated or reproduced by congressional committees, would, for all practical purposes, be unenforceable in view of the attitude generally prevailing in the Congress. Members of Congress have usually insisted upon the right to decide for themselves what they should share with their fellow members of the Congress and duly cleared staff perseanel.

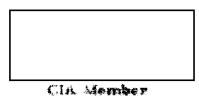
"The third sentence in the proposal, which would require the return of all classified information to the originator within a specified time, appears equally unenforceable.

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"Finally, the bulk of classified written material which this Agency provides to congressional committees is for inclusion in the official record of hearings in executive session. This material, upon delivery, becomes the exclusive property of the committee and there is no question of its recovery by the contributing agency.

"An attempt to implement the proposal would very probably produce an adverse and unfortunate reaction on the part of the chairmen, members and staff officials of committees with whom we have contact. It is suggested that the problem be considered at an early session by the Legislative Interdepartmental Croup."

2. As this is a particularly sensitive problem it is suggested that before the stringent security restrictions be proposed by the Security Review Committee for Executive Order status, the probable repercussions, as foreseen by the Legislative interdepartmental Croup, be explored.



ce: Mr. Howard C. Brown, Jr. - AEC

Mr. Joseph J. Liebling - Defense

Mr. William D. Blair, Jr. - State

Mr. Thomas K. Latimer - NSC

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SUBJECT: Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States (Executive Order 10501, as amended)

CONCURRENCES:

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

TOM LATIMER

SUBJECT:

Draft Revision of Section 7 (b) (3) a.

a. In the case of classified material disseminated to Congressional committees, only staff members who have been cleared on the request of the chairman of the committee under provisions of will be provided access to such material. Such material will be disseminated only on the understanding that it will not receive further reproduction or dissemination without the written approval of the head of the originating department, agency or Governmental unit or his designee. All such material will be returned to the originating office as soon as the Congressional committee no longer has need for such access, that time to be clearly designated in writing on the document at the time it is provided to the committee.

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